

RESOLUTION 2014-040

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS GOVERNING THE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS AND CLARIFYING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2002-25

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos Town Council has determined that there is a need to modify the Town's design review process last adopted in 2002; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Town is to ensure full public and policy maker consideration of design alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the use of an architectural consultant may assist applicants, Town staff, and decision-makers in achieving architectural excellence in designs submitted to the Town for review; and

WHEREAS, architectural consultants have been used in the past and may be engaged by the Town to review the architecture for future development proposals at the expense of project applicants;

WHEREAS, the architectural consultant is qualified to review and critique architecture and may be requested to work with applicants, Town staff and decision makers to provide input on designs which have been submitted to the Town, to answer questions about the submitted design and/or design alternatives, and otherwise serve as a resource to decision makers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that the following policies shall govern the architectural review process:

- A. The architectural consultant may review plans upon request by Town staff, the Planning Commission and/or the Town Council and provide input regarding the plan's consistency with applicable design standards and guidelines, specific plans and the General Plan. Staff reports on projects that have been reviewed by the architectural consultant will include any recommendations or alternatives

presented by the architectural consultant, and any alternative, including the original reviewed design, submitted by the applicant.

- B. Town staff, the Planning Commission and the Town Council may consider the architectural consultant's recommendations or alternatives as one of a number of factors used in the consideration of any development project submitted to the Town.
- C. Town staff, the Planning Commission and the Town Council may use their independent discretion in evaluating the recommendations of the architectural consultant and may approve any design that meets all applicable Town Design Guidelines, ordinances, specific plans and the General Plan.
- D. Whenever possible, the Planning Commission and/or the Town Council should seek to resolve design issues that arise during the hearing by crafting motions to deny, continue with direction to revise, or to approve with appropriate conditions. When necessary, the Planning Commission and/or the Town Council may continue an item to a future meeting and request the presence of the architectural consultant to address specific issues or questions. Any costs associated with the delay and requested presence of the architectural consultant will be paid by the applicant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council held on the 16th day of June, 2014, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES: Marcia Jensen, Diane McNutt, Joe Pirzynski, Barbara Spector, Mayor Steven Leonardis

NAYS:

ABSENT:

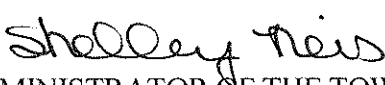
ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:



MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:


CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA